

Comments (responses) received at 5-12-04 Gulf Island Pond stakeholder meeting:

REVIEW OF EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

- (Bennett) – request that the department's packet for submission of new legislation for EPA approval be provided to all the stakeholders. (agreed by Fisk)

OVERVIEW OF STEPS FORWARD

- (Schalit) – request that a public meeting be pre-scheduled as part of the public comment process for the TMDL.

DISCHARGER VOLUNTARY PLANS

- (Bishop) – need to set different baseline phosphorous loading for Fraser mill. Old data indicates much higher P load than Mitnik used.
- (Bennett) – requests (by June 1) written commitment from each mill for a 1/6 reduction by each mill and for each mill to specify the voluntary ppd limits they plan to achieve.
- (Holt) – would exceedence of MHI for just one POTW force the need for a UAA? (Silva – MHI is a guideline for determining funding assistance to communities and is not used for the purpose of triggering a UAA)
- (Bennett) – will Livermore Falls impoundment be monitored for aquatic life in 04. (both IP and DEP will be monitoring this impoundment in 04)
- (Gallagher) – wants engineering report for oxygenation station complete by September 04.
- (Courtemanch) – engineering report must to propose alternative designs needed to deliver 150-210,000 ppd oxygen.
- (Taylor) – does not want to provide engineering study until there is final determination of the required oxygen needed by the model.
- (Mitnik) – recommends engineered designs for 30,000 ppd increments of oxygen addition, also include multiple injection points in the study.
- (Kavanah) – study needs to provide technical and cost feasibility as part of the implementation plan
- (Bennett) - requests DEP to resolve this issue and report back to all stakeholders (Gallagher requests the engineering study to be complete by September 04 and to include two pathways (1) study to improve efficiency of current oxygenation station, (2) study to increase ppd of oxygen by increments, letter will be sent by Fisk to GIPOP and copied to stakeholders)
- (Makas) – GIPOP members will meet to decide how to do the study not whether they will do the study.

- (Sinclair) – requests that NH POTWs supply effluent P data (Comstock reports that NH facilities will provide effluent P data consistent with the same sampling schedule as Maine facilities).
- (Holt) – POTWs will be providing updated MHI for their users.

NPS PHOSPHORUS ISSUES

- (Saviello) – river runs brown after storms, are there important sources.
- (Saunders) – requests that an analysis of storm NPS loading be conducted for Androscoggin Lake.
- (Holt) – study by Wright-Pierce in VT found NPS loading was underestimated (Dennis – need to know characteristics of impoundment such as residence time to determine NPS loading effects).

SUMMER MONITORING PLANS

- (Saunders) – requests inclusion of Dead River as a monitoring site, ALIC will provide monitor or include as part of continuing DEP lake studies (Fisk – Dead River will be included in the aerial surveys).
- (Sinclair) – the three mills will rewrite and submit the monitoring plan.
- (Bennett/Schalit) – will provide volunteer monitors to help get it done.
- (Bennett) – requests DEP to determine path forward to get monitoring plan done. date?
- (Gallagher) – need to show recognition of mills efforts to conduct voluntary ambient monitoring.
- (Mower) – Thursday may be too late for labs to process samples, suggest establishing a day earlier in the week.

DRAFT DISCHARGE PERMIT LIMITS

- (Wood) – do the proposed permit limits become effective for 05 (or 06 as expressed in IP comment letter)
- (Taylor) – group needs to take time to get the TMDL correct because of difficulties with EPA accepting modifications to previous TMDLs.
- (Makas) – requests the DEP continue with 2 planned public meetings for fall in Rumford area and Lewiston-Auburn area.